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REMARKS

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This will acknowledge with appreciation the telephone interview with Examiner Patel on April 23, 2007. Receipt of the Interview Summary dated April 30, 2007, is acknowledged. During the interview, the undersigned attorney and Mr. Ron Bluestone, a co-inventor, participated. The following is a statement of the substance of the telephone interview.

The items discussed were as set forth in an agenda dated April 13, 2007, included the following:

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- (1) The general prior art in the areas of parts washers;
- (2) Review of the Applicant's jet parts washer as to structure and function;
- (3) The teachings and applicability of the Lee patent as a reference in the field of jet washers;
- (4) The appropriateness of combining Wilson and Lee and, even if permissible, the differences between that combination and the Applicant's jet parts washer;
- (5) The weight and effect to be afforded the Declaration of Mr. Kuehnert;
- (6) *Graham vs. Deere* factors as they apply in this case and the commercial success of the Applicant's invention;

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(7) Suggestions for further claim language to distinguish the Applicant's invention over the prior art.

It was emphasized that the Applicant's parts washer provides three different functions (1) a hand washer; (2) an automatic jet parts washer and (3) a portable washer for parts such as vehicle brake parts. Also emphasized was the efficiency and economy obtained by the use of a single reservoir servicing both the pump and hand washer. Claim language directed to this feature was discussed and it was agreed the Applicants would submit an amendment for consideration by the Examiner.

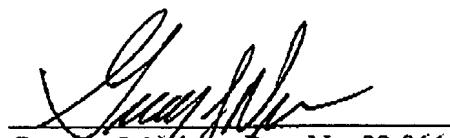
The proposed amendment to Claim 1 when considered with the interview discussion is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 2 through 12 are all dependent, either directly or indirectly, on Claim 1 and are, accordingly, believed allowable.

A favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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